

REMARKS

Claims 2-9, 13-14, and 23-26 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 1-12, and 15-22 were canceled. Claims 2-9, 13, 23-24, and 26 were amended.

Objection to Claims

The examiner has stated that claims 14 and 26 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, claims 14 and 26 have been rewritten to overcome this objection.

Furthermore, claims 2-9 and 13 have been amended to depend from claim 14, and claims 23 and 24 have been amended to depend from claim 26.

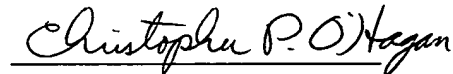
Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is now in condition for allowance.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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